

Culture lesson – Viva la Causa

Viva La Causa tells the story of a dedicated coalition of people from diverse classes, races and religions who stood together for justice, proving that the mightiest walls of oppression can be toppled when people are united and their cause is just.

Vocabulary – Try to define the following words before the video. They will be used many times throughout the video. After the video write the correct definition of each vocabulary word

Vocabulary	Before	After
Viva la causa		
Viva la justicia		
Viva la unión		
Vivan Los Estados Unidos		
Sí se puede		
Huelga		
Huelguistas		
Mexicanos Americanos		
Trabajadores agrícolas		
Pesticidas tóxicos		
Campos		
Protesta		
Viticultores		
No violencia		
Apoyo público		
Boicot		
Leyes		
El teatro campesino		
Ayuno		

Answer the following questions during or after viewing the video

1. What kind of injustices did the workers hope to undo by going on strike?
2. How did these injustices undermine their humanity?
3. Why do you think the growers resisted the workers' needs for better wages and working conditions?
4. How did the growers exercise power over the workers before and during the strike?
5. Why did the strikers need help from others?
6. What kinds of things did the strikers ask them to do in support of la causa?
7. Why were the actions of these allies important?
8. What factors motivated people to get involved in la causa?
9. What did workers gain as a result of the strike and boycott?
10. What did our nation gain in the process?
11. What message is the filmmaker trying to send to you?
12. What does it mean to be an ally?
13. How do you act as an ally for others at your school?
14. How can our behaviors lead to both justice and injustice?
15. If you are concerned about an issue but do nothing to change it, how do you become part of the problem?

